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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the updated quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

DATES: [Enter date of publication in FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Safeguard Staff, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Office of Trade Programs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1020, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1020; by telephone (202) 720-0638; or by fax (202) 720-0876.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of the Uruguay Round, if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986-88 by a

specified percentage. It also permits additional duties to be imposed if the volume of imports of an article exceeds the average of the most recent 3 years for which data are available by 5, 10, or 25 percent, depending on the article. These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article.

Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act requires that the President cause to be published in the Federal Register information regarding the price and quantity safeguards, including the quantity trigger levels, which must be updated annually based upon import levels during the most recent 3 years. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994, 60 FR 1005 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated this duty, which lies with the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service ([7 CFR 2.43\(a\)\(2\)](#)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels.

Additional information on the products subject to safeguards and the additional duties which may apply can be found in subchapter IV of Chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2014) and in the Secretary of Agriculture's Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels, published in the Federal Register at [60 FR 427](#) (Jan. 4, 1995).

Notice: As provided in Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superceded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice. The

definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the Federal Register, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

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ANNEX

QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	276,008 mt	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Mutton	3,233 mt	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Cream	12,129 liters	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	1,097,885 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Nonfat Dry Milk	524,659 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Dried Whole Milk	3,293,081 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Dried Cream	662 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	34,560 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Butter	9,414,976 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	5,840,777 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Dairy Mixtures	14,384,611 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Blue Cheese	4,779,080 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Cheddar Cheese	9,768,173 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
American-Type Cheese	14,668 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Edam/Gouda Cheese	7,700,542 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Italian-Type Cheese	18,291,760 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	26,807,720 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Gruyere Process Cheese	3,551,763 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Lowfat Cheese	149,910 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
NSPF Cheese	50,415,571 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Peanuts	20,493 mt	April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015
	19,037 mt	April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016
Peanut Butter/Paste	3,527 mt	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Raw Cane Sugar	599,416 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	676,944 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Refined Sugar and Syrups	198,613 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	177,579 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Blended Syrups	60 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

	87 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Articles Over 65% Sugar	269 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	385 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Articles Over 10% Sugar	15,471 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	20,158 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	84 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	86 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Chocolate Crumb	11,646,383 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	478,061 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	210,818 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Mixes and Doughs	170 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	230 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	653 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	961 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Ice Cream	2,552,994 liters	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Animal Feed Containing Milk	53,195 kilograms	January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Short Staple Cotton	2,899,397 kilograms	September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2015
	2,330,949 kilograms	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0 kilograms	August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015
	0 kilograms	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
Medium Staple Cotton	57,587 kilograms	August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015
	48,783 kilograms	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
Extra Long Staple Cotton	860,694 kilograms	August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015
	1,505,611 kilograms	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
Cotton Waste	443,246 kilograms	September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2015
	793,048 kilograms	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	4,035 kilograms	September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2015
	2,058 kilograms	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016

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